SUBJECT No. 158.

Batta to non-official members of the District Board.

Messrs. Lingegowda and Amble Annaiya Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.— The rates of travelling allowances payable to non-official members of the District Boards for attending the meetings may kindly be fixed as at present. The Comptroller requires that a certificate of actual expenses incurred *bona fide* by such members should be recorded. This may be dispensed with.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration in connection with the rules relating to travelling allowances which are now being framed.

SUBJECT No. 159.

Protection of village communal rights by legislation.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Legislation may be undertaken to protect the village communal rights in matters like the following :—

(1) Drinking water wells, (2) *Gokattes*, (3) Burial and cremation grounds, (4) Village cart-tracks or *vonees*, (5) Village pasture lands, (6) Village temples and mosques, (7) Village school buildings, (8) *Topes*, *mantaps* and baths, (9) *Chavadis*, etc. Moneys from the cesses and other sources may be allotted for the up-keep of these institutions to be administered by the villagers. The Village Tank Panchayet Bill which is now under consideration may be designated the Village Communal Bill and power given therein to *panchayets* to control and regulate also the matters mentioned above.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Improvement of village sanitation.

(a) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(b) Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The sanitation of villages is frequently much neglected. A committee may be appointed to devise means for the improvement of village sanitation.

(b) Information as to whether a healthy source of water-supply exists in every village in the State may be collected, and provision annually made in the District Fund and State Budgets for providing such sources wherever needed.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Roads and communications.

Mr. J. A. Harris, South Mysore Planters' Association.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Roads and communications are very essential to the welfare of the producer. But no hope is held out by the Imperial Government of the Arsikere-Mangalore line finding a place in their programme for many years to come. It is understood that they are prepared to give sympathetic consideration to any private company which may come forward with proposals to finance the line and it is hoped that if any such proposals are placed before Government they will give them every encouragement.

(*b*) The project of connecting the chief places in the Kadur and Hassan Districts with the Southern Mahratta Lines by means of Light Railways has long been pending

disposal. It is, however, encouraging to learn that a survey is now being made. Steps may be taken to expedite the work with a view to the early construction of these connecting links.

(*c*) The approach to the Anjur bridge from the Mudgere side has been very inconveniently planned and badly traced.

(*d*) A telegraph office may be opened in Belur as there is none from east to west between the railway and Mudgere, a distance of 50 miles, and from north to south between Chikmagalur and Hassan, a distance of 33 miles.

Reply of Government.—(*a*), (*b*) *and* (*d*) Noted.

(*c*) Will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Repair of Provincial and Local Fund roads.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City municipality.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 163.

(*a*) Formation of village roads.

(*b*) Maintenance of village roads and by-ways.

Mr. Venkatasamaiya, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The village roads are at present in a very neglected condition. The Government have ordered that if the villagers do the earthwork the District Board would take up the construction of tunnels. As this is a great hardship to the villagers the Government may take up the whole work and meet the cost out of the *mohatarfa* tax collected in the village.

(*b*) In Government Proceedings No. 64-72—L. B. 180-06-5, dated 7th July 1907, it is laid down that revenue authorities are responsible to see that the ryots properly maintain the village roads within their respective village boundaries. The want of roads being keenly felt especially during the rainy season, it is prayed that a rule similar to the one existing for the maintenance of minor tanks may be passed by which the Government may recover the cost from the defaulting villagers after getting the work done by Government agency.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible either to set apart *mohatarfa* tax collected in villages for the formation and repair of village roads or to frame a rule compelling ryots to make and repair them.

SUBJECT No. 164.

Fines on impounded cattle in the malnad.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The sale of impounded cattle does not often fetch the amount of the fine and the feeding charges. People in villages impound the cattle of persons with whom they are not on amicable terms merely to cause loss to them. Coffee planters can find redress for trespass in the criminal courts. The rates of fine may be reduced to those prevailing in other parts of the State.

(*b*) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

(*b*) The rates of fine in the cattle-pound at Saklespur are heavy. The rates prescribed in other municipalities may be ordered to be levied.